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Classroom Activities

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Copenhagen climate change meeting (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'Copenhagen climate change meeting'.
Answer questions 1-14.

1. Why have some people described the meeting in Copenhagen as the most important in human history?

2. Why is the meeting also known as COP15?

3. What do most scientists agree about global warming?

4. Giving examples explain what is meant by 'a developed country'.

5. Explain how burning fossil fuels is thought to cause global warming.

6. What has been used to calculate levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere thousands of years ago?

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7. What do a minority of scientists believe causes global warming?

8. Giving examples explain what is meant by 'a developing country'.

9. How many countries were represented at the meeting in Copenhagen?

10. What does the United Nations (UN) want agreements on?

11. Developed countries have agreed to give money to developing countries.
Why is this?

12. What is the significance of the 160 year average temperature rise figure?

13. What is a meant by a 'binding agreement'?

14. What is a meant by adopting 'green technologies'?

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Election in Romania (Page 3)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Election in Romania'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Traian Băsescu won the presidential election in Romania.		
2. Before 1989 Romania was a communist country.		
3. Romania is waiting to join the European Union (EU).		
4. Bucharest is the capital of Romania.		
5. Marcia Geoană took part in the run off.		
6. Marcia Geoană is a former ambassador to the UK.		
7. The percentage difference between the two candidates was over two percent.		
8. The court decided the election should be rerun.		
9. Traian Băsescu has been president before.		
10. There were 14 candidates in the first round of the presidential election.		

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New Mediterranean Sea theory (Page 4)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New Mediterranean Sea theory'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____
A. The Strait of Gibraltar.
2. **Q.** _____
A. Spain and Morocco.
3. **Q.** _____
A. 14.2 kilometres.
4. **Q.** _____
A. A scientist who studies rocks.
5. **Q.** _____
A. About 5.6 million years ago.
6. **Q.** _____
A. The seawater evaporated.
7. **Q.** _____
A. The Zanclean flood.
8. **Q.** _____
A. By studying the seabed to the east of the Strait of Gibraltar.
9. **Q.** _____
A. Ten metres every day.
10. **Q.** _____
A. The Pillars of Hercules.

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New Indian state (Page 5)**Instructions:** Read the article 'New Indian state'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Large state in India

Telangana

Common language in India

Telugu

Proposed new state

Andhra Pradesh

Capital of Andhra Pradesh

Hyderabad

Hunger striker

Bangalore

City in southern India

Local parliament

Language of Telangana

English

State assembly

Mr. Rao

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Parliament of the World's Religions (Page 13)

Instructions: Read the article 'Parliament of the World's Religions'.
Answer questions 1-7.

1. Where was the latest Parliament held?

2. How many Parliaments have there been since 1993?

3. Explain and describe the origins of the Parliament in 1893.

4. Who performed the opening ceremony?

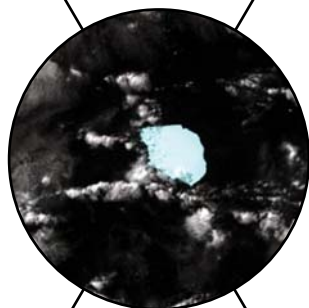
5. Explain the theme of the meeting.

6. Give examples of the faith groups who attended.

7. One of the most popular speakers was the Dalai Lama. Who is he?

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Instructions: Read the article 'Giant iceberg' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. NUDELIAR

I R E L A N D

2. RIVBOY ACOTS

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

3. AILTRY

□ □ □ □ □

4. WINE ANDLAZE

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5. FUNRACE

□ □ □ □ □ □

6. COXDIME

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7. NORAMAIN

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Mystery country = □ U □ □ □ □ □

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Issue 108 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 108. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

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[illegible]

Eve Roald Amundsen Taoiseach

Enterprise Calving Romania

Dalai Lama Fairtrade South Pole

Hyderabad Irish prime minister Icebergs

Research university Mediterranean Sea Octopus

Northern Lights Mpower Bangalore

France WHO Lyon

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 108 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 108 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Who was the first person to reach the South Pole?**
 - a. Jean-Baptiste Charcot
 - b. Ernest Shackleton
 - c. Douglas Mawson
 - d. Roald Amundsen
 - e. Captain Scott
2. **Where would you go to see the Rosetta Stone?**
 - a. Hermitage, St Petersburg
 - b. The Louvre, Paris
 - c. Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC
 - d. British Museum, London
 - e. Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, Cairo
3. **What does the Boeing Company make?**
 - a. Cars
 - b. Passenger aircraft
 - c. Ships
 - d. Electrical goods
 - e. Oil drilling equipment
4. **Where is 'The Eddie' competition held?**
 - a. Bermuda
 - b. Hawaii
 - c. Cyprus
 - d. Australia
 - e. Seychelles
5. **Of which country has Traian Băsescu just been re-elected president?**
 - a. Romania
 - b. Hungary
 - c. Latvia
 - d. The Czech Republic
 - e. Poland
6. **B17B has been reported to be approaching Australia. What is it?**
 - a. A blue whale
 - b. A tropical cyclone
 - c. The world's biggest oil tanker
 - d. An iceberg
 - e. The leading yacht in an around-the-world race
7. **By what name is the Irish parliament known?**
 - a. The Duma
 - b. The Sejm
 - c. The Diet
 - d. The Knesset
 - e. The Dáil
8. **Where was COP15 held?**
 - a. New York, USA
 - b. Paris, France
 - c. Moscow, Russia
 - d. Copenhagen, Denmark
 - e. Rome, Italy
9. **Who is the prime minister of Italy?**
 - a. Silvio Berlusconi
 - b. Massimo D'Alema
 - c. Romano Prodi
 - d. Giuliano Amato
 - e. Lamberto Dini
10. **How many countries are members of the Eurozone?**
 - a. 5
 - b. 7
 - c. 12
 - d. 16
 - e. 27